

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WAUKESHA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time: 3/5/09

Location: Human Services Center Brookfield Room

Committee Members:

<u>X</u>	Curtis, John	<u>X</u>	Lee, Lorraine
<u>X</u>	Farell, Dennis	<u>X</u>	Pagels, Nancy
<u>X</u>	Goetz, Jennifer	<u>X</u>	Turkoske, Julie
<u>X</u>	Graham, Bill	<u>X</u>	Weidmann, Larry
<u>X</u>	Hansen, Patricia	<u>EA</u>	Wolff, Sandy
<u>EA</u>	Johnson, Scott	<u>X</u>	Zaborowski, William
<u>X</u>	Lee, Glenn		

X = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence

Additional Attendees:

X Cathy Bellovary, ADRC
X Betsy Abramson, Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW)
X Teri Clark, DRW Social Worker
X Jamie Miller, DRW Staff
X Sandhya Singh, Rosie Guzikowski, Lora Ede - ADRC

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

Approval of minutes of February 5, 2009 meeting:

Vice Chairman Bill Graham called for approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting. Dennis Farrell moved to approve the minutes; John Curtis seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. The motion is carried.

Educational Segment:

Betsy Abramson, Disability Rights Wisconsin Family Care Ombudsman Program Manager, presented an overview of the key elements of the ombudsman program and Family Care. The program is designed for the protection and advocacy of people with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, brain injury, and mental health issues. The agency, chosen by the Governor, has offices in Milwaukee, Madison, and Rice Lake. The agency works extensively with kids in schools, and with individuals between 18-59. Betsy presented her program related to Family Care. The program is member-centered, where the service plans are very individual, and the member is the main person on the team. Choice to the client is important. Jamie Miller, from the Milwaukee office encourages members to interview workers and agencies. Family Care is intended to be cost-effective and does not mean that the service desired is least

expensive. Grievances are sent to DHS, and the MCO committee. The grievance must be received within 45 days of the charge and may go to a hearing. DRW will help with the appeal and a fair hearing. Jamie Miller talked about IRIS (Include, Respect I Self Direct). The ADRC Disability Benefit Specialists will meet with Jamie Miller for further dialog. There was much discussion and many questions, and was a very interesting presentation.

Senior Collaborative Meeting with Waukesha Park and Recreation:

The Senior Board of the Waukesha Park and Recreation Department has invited the ADRC Board to a luncheon and meeting to discuss senior issues in the Waukesha community. The goal of the meeting is to set up a senior collaboration with groups, set future meetings and agendas. It is an opportunity to talk about future planning for seniors in the area, as well as learning how to work together on projects. The meeting will be held at the Rotary Building in Frame Park on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with a meeting to follow. Contact Cathy Bellovary if you are interested in attending. RSVP's must be received by April 3.

Director's Report:

- The new Elderly Benefit Specialist will begin work in the ADRC on April 8. The department looks forward to filling this position.
- There is currently a wait list for Older American's Act Bathing and Homemaker services.
- There is a change mandated by the State for entitlement to begin July 2011 if the State budget is passed and presented. Beginning May 1, 2009, the ADRC will move 1/36th of individuals on the wait list each month to Family Care instead of 1/24th as determined by the State.
- It is noted that there are a few problems with the new ADRC Resource Guide. It's very difficult to publish a book of this size without an immediate change needed.
- Clients will be leaving Southern Colony according to a State plan. One hundred will be moved, of which 15 are from Waukesha County.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) Report:

GWAAR has hired many new people in the agency's reorganization, and are working on a variety of issues.

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Group (CWAG):

Cathy shared the agency history to the group. The CWAG conference will be held in August. If Board members are interested in attending, please contact Cathy. Some funding may be available for expenses. Scholarships may be available through the GWAAR.

People Can't Wait Report:

Lorraine Lee, Co-chair of the People Can't Wait Committee, reported that there are problems with clients losing community supported employment since the start of Family Care. Advocacy is the focus of the group. The next meeting of this group is March 11 at 10 a.m. at Goodwill, where they will look at programs for children and adults with disabilities. A meeting scheduled for an evening in May will focus on discussions with the community about the group. The group also wants regional transportation explored.

Health and Human Services Board and Committee Report:

Dennis Farrell and Bill Zaborowski reported that they attended lunch at the Menomonee Falls Senior Dining Center and shared details. They had a meeting and an agency tour. There was discussion of what will happen with stimulus money and the budget. They were told that the State budget would create the worst impact in 25 years.

Adjournment:

John Curtis moved to adjourn the meeting; Nancy Pagels seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. The motion is carried.

Meeting Dates and Times/Next Meeting:

April 2, 9:30 a.m. – Brookfield Room, Human Services Center

Approved _____ **Date** _____

Recorded and Submitted by Cathy Bellovary on 3/5/09.